



Ontario Jiu-Jitsu Association

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Ontario Jiu-Jitsu Association Statement on COVID19

The primary concern of the Ontario Jiu-Jitsu Association is always the health and safety of our membership. This concern outweighs all other concerns.

This is uncharted territory for all of us and we must be careful to follow the advice of the experts in Public Health. The Board of Directors has been monitoring this situation closely and working with our stakeholders as this situation has unfolded.

We encourage all of our membership to stay current with both the Government of Canada and the Ontario Public Health webpages regarding Covid-19. This information is updated regularly and with the latest recommendations of our experts in Public Health. Additionally, we include the webpage for the World Health Organization information on Covid19

Ontario Public Health - <https://www.publichealthontario.ca/en/diseases-and-conditions/infectious-diseases/respiratory-diseases/novel-coronavirus>

Canada Public Health - <https://www.canada.ca/en/public-health/services/diseases/2019-novel-coronavirus-infection.html>

World Health Organization - <https://www.who.int/emergencies/diseases/novel-coronavirus-2019>

Several of our event organizers have already made the decision to postpone OJA sanctioned events. **Keeping with this, the OJA will suspend all sanctioned tournaments until a minimum of April 5th.** This is in line Public Health's recommendation to not have gatherings over 250 people. At that time, the OJA will reevaluate the situation and advise accordingly.

Clubs are advised to follow the guidelines of Public Health at the webpages listed above.

OJA sanctioned events will resume when it is safe to do so as determined by Public Health and when facilities are available to do so.

The OJA will release updated event schedules when then they become available. Watch our webpage and the OJA Facebook group for the latest updates.

We encourage all of our members to do what is necessary for their health and safety and to carefully follow information provided by the Government of Ontario, the Government of Canada and the World Health Organization.

The Board of Directors will continue to monitor the situation and update as required. Obviously, this situation is fluid and changes are likely. Again, we encourage our membership to closely follow the Public Health webpages above for advice.

These are not easy decisions to make - and they were not made lightly - however, it is all in line with Public Health recommendations. We must listen to the experts.

Questions and concerns may be directed to the contact form on our webpage - www.ontariojiujitsu.net